

of Army Private First Class Paul Orazio Cuzzupe II, of Plant City, Florida.

PFC Cuzzupe, an Army combat medic, was killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan on August 8th when his unit was attacked by an improvised explosive device.

U.S. Army combat medics are the battlefield's first responders, fearlessly providing first aid and basic medical care to those in desperate need. PFC Cuzzupe personified this bravery and compassion. In fact, a week before he died, PFC Cuzzupe was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for his tireless efforts to save life of an Afghan child that had been severely wounded by an insurgent's bomb.

Outside of the Army, Paulie—as he is known to his friends—was an outstanding young man in his own right. He had been an honor student at Armwood High School and was a talented self-taught guitarist who led his own rock band and performed songs for Sunday school students.

Madam Speaker, though proud to have such a fine example from the Tampa Bay community, it is with great remorse that I rise to commemorate the life of PFC Cuzzupe. I am in awe of the young men and women like Paul Cuzzupe who choose to serve their countrymen in the armed forces. I appreciate their professionalism and dedication. Their sacrifice, like that of PFC Cuzzupe will not be forgotten.

HONORING THE CENTENNIAL OF THE ST. LOUIS ZOO

HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of the world-famous St. Louis Zoo, which I am proud to represent. For a century, the St. Louis Zoo, a national landmark located in St. Louis' historic Forest Park, has entertained and educated millions of visitors from around the world.

Since the St. Louis Zoo's first days it has pioneered the preservation and propagation of endangered species. The St. Louis Zoo is a world leader in efforts to conserve animals and their habitats through animal management, research, recreation, educational programs and environmental stewardship.

The St. Louis Zoo has played an indispensable role in the development of environmental awareness for generations of American children and its ongoing research continues to spur new ideas to help visitors understand, appreciate and respect the diversity and fragile balance of life on earth.

This year, over three million visitors will be enriched and inspired by a visit to the St. Louis Zoo as it continues to entertain and educate animal lovers of all ages.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to the Centennial of the St. Louis Zoo, and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this American cultural treasure.

HONORING DIANA AND LÉON BERLINER,
HUMBOLDT COUNTY,
CALIFORNIA

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Diana and Léon Berliner, extraordinary citizens of Humboldt County, California, who have dedicated their lives to public service. The husband and wife team are being honored by the Humboldt County Democratic Central Committee as 2010 Citizens of the Year for one of our nation's most precious rights—participation in the political system. Their commitment to the general health and welfare of the community and to the preservation of our liberty is worthy of appreciation and recognition.

Diana Berliner has been a dedicated educator for over 40 years. She has focused her career on the needs of special education students, in the classroom and in training student teachers. Diana has also had a distinguished career in connection with the California Association of Resource Specialists, serving as a board member, president, conference presenter and newsletter editor. She has served as an advisory member to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing and served on advisory committees to the Humboldt County Office of Education. And, as a vigorous advocate for public education, Diana Berliner has also been active in the Association of Retired Teachers. She continues to volunteer in many capacities throughout our community, including Ferndale Repertory, College of the Redwoods and North Coast Repertory Theatre.

Léon Berliner arrived safely in the United States after boarding a Liberty Ship at the age of 13 in 1948. As a Holocaust survivor and native of Antwerp, Belgium, Léon's harrowing story of survival inspires our deepest admiration. It is a story of perseverance and determination that led to a life-long commitment to help those less fortunate. Léon became a citizen and went on to receive his education, then served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956. Upon returning to civilian life, he launched a long and distinguished career serving children and adults with disabilities. He worked in that capacity from New York to California, developing model programs and educating the community to the needs of people with disabilities. After moving to Humboldt County in 1971, he became the founder and Executive Director of Redwoods United Workshop, dedicated to providing training and work experience for the disabled. Following his retirement, Léon pursued his passion for classical music by opening Berliner's Cornucopia, sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm for life by further educating and enriching the lives of many on the North Coast.

These extraordinary individuals have demonstrated many times over their commitment and public spirit. They possess a keen interest in community life and participate every day in a meaningful and thoughtful manner by making our community a better place in which to live.

Madam Speaker, it is appropriate at this time that we recognize Diana and Léon Berliner for their unwavering compassion and for

their contribution to the ideals and traditions that have made America a nation of hope and achievement.

DR. THOMAS P. CAMPBELL

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dr. Thomas P. Campbell for receiving the 2010 Wheat Ridge Reinvestment Award.

Dr. Campbell began his Ophthalmology practice in 1988 and since has become a leader in his field. His investment and restoration of property along 44th Avenue in Wheat Ridge, Colorado has provided the city with an aesthetically pleasing and environmentally conscious building that will increase property values.

This new office design has provided a model that will promote sustainable development projects in Wheat Ridge. Specifically, the design features a porous pavement drainage system that significantly reduces the need for on-site storm water detention facilities creating cost effective use of the land.

I extend my congratulations to Dr. Thomas P. Campbell, on receiving the 2010 City of Wheat Ridge Reinvestment Award and thank him for his dedication and commitment to our community.

A TRIBUTE TO IASHA A. RIVERS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the accomplishments of Iasha A. Rivers.

Iasha Rivers is the Director of External Affairs and Corporate Communications for Macy's Inc. She specializes in creating synergy in and out of the company from a brand marketing and customer first perspective. She has developed significant relationships within our communities, diversity initiatives, special projects, and the coordination of a number of charitable events on behalf of the company. She is also charged with the strategic planning and execution of advertising compliance for Macy's stores. Iasha is closely involved with working in partnership with city and state agencies, government officials and consumer boards to remain ahead of the curve on issues that affect the industry and customers. Ms. Rivers is responsible for developing policies and procedures to streamline store-line operational functions, as well as advising store executives on internal and external matters.

Iasha has a background in the entertainment industry. She worked for ASCAP (American Society of Composers and Publishers) and Double Xposure where she developed her skills in communications in the field of public relations. Previously, she worked in healthcare as a Performance Improvement Manager and Resident Coordinator for Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center/Special Care Unit, one of the first units in the nation to have a